GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4276
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2001
PURCHASE OF SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS BY DELHI POLICE
GADDE RAMAMOHAN;M.V.V.S MURTHI;RENU KUMARI SINGH

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item regarding Firing Range for Delhi Police appearing in the Hindi daily `Hindustan` dated 10.11.2001;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether some of the weapons with Delhi Police are so old that they do not work properly;

(d) if so, the effective steps being taken by the Government to mould the Delhi Police as per the changing environment;

(e) whether the Union Government have given permission to Delhi Police to purchase the sophisticated weapons;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and
(g) the funds sanctioned by Government to buy the sophisticated armoury?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Delhi Police have procured land for construction of their own long firing rang in Wazirabad area. In the meanwhile, it utilises the facilities available at the firing range of BSF at Bhondsi and of Haryana Police at Narnaul, Haryana.

(c)&(d): No, Sir. Proper care of the available weapons is ensured to keep them in perfect working condition. It is also the constant endeavour of the Government to equip Delhi Police with the latest weaponry, within the given constraints.

(e)&(f): Delhi Police is empowered to procure arms and ammunition subject to the availability of funds.

(g): Delhi Police have placed indent for purchase of sophisticated arms costing Rs.3,10,26,180/-.Budgetary allocation of Rs. 12.58 crores was made under the head Material and Supply in the Budget Estimates for the year 2001-2002.